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SUBJECT: FURTHER FOOD AID FOR GUINEA FROM SAUDI ARABIA, QATAR

INDIA AND ITALY

1. RECALLING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDENT TOURE ON MAY 22 IN WHICH HE LISTED PRINCIPAL AID DONORS TO GUINEA IN WAKE OF 1977-78 GROWING SEASON SHORTFALLS (REFTEL), GUINEAN RADIO OBSERVED ON JULY 11 THAT FOUR MORE COUNTRIES HAD BEEN ADDED TO THE LIST. ACCORDING TO GOG FIGURES, SAUDI ARABIA HAS PROVIDED 10 MILLION, QATAR \$2 MILLION, INDIA A QUANTITY OF JUTE SACKS WORTH THE EQUIVALENT OF 225 MILLION SYLIS AND ITALY 9.4 MILLION SYLIS WORTH OF RICE AND WHEAT FLOUR. ANNOUNCEMENT POINTEDLY THANKED ABOVE COUNTRIES FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AND "FRIENDLY GESTURES".

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2. COMMENT: TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT IMPLIES THAT CASH DONATIONS FROM SAUDIS AND QATARS MAY HAVE BEEN ARRANGED DURING SEKOU TOURE'S RECENT TRAVELS TO ARAB PENINSULA. TOURE, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL TO INDIA AT A LATER BUT AS YET UNSPECIFIED DATE, CAN BE EXPECTED TO PERSONALLY THANK GOI FOR ITS largesse.

JUDGING FROM SYLI EQUIVALENT CITED, QUANTITY OF JUTE
SACKS IS CONSIDERABLE. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES PLACED EMBARRASSINGLY LOW IN THE
MAY 22 TALLY; THS TIME THEY WERE CONSPICIOUS BY THE
ABSENCE. TRUST THIS FACT WILL NOT BE LOST ON GUINEAN
PEOPLE.
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